

DECISION RECORD
AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
ALASKA PIPELINE COMPANY

I. Decision:

It is my decision to grant the Alaska Pipeline Company (APC) a 10-foot wide and 1,000 foot long right-of-way (R/W) for a period of 30 years. The R/W is renewable pursuant to Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended. The rental for this R/W will be determined by appraisal and will be paid annually in advance. The R/W will be subject to standard stipulations for land use authorizations and stipulations derived from mitigation measures identified in the environmental assessment (See Stipulations). The areas included in the R/W are two separate locations within the Seward Meridian, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., Section 24, (See Map entitled *APC MP 64.5 BURNT ISLAND ANODE BED*, dated June 30, 2004, sheets 1 and 2).

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The lands described in the application are included in the Alaska Southcentral Planning Area Management Framework Plan (MFP), dated March 1980. Objective Number L-2 of the MFP states the BLM intends to "Satisfy needs for rights-of-way."

Issuance of this R/W will authorize APC to upgrade cathodic protection for a natural gas pipeline system that transports natural gas to Anchorage, Alaska. Additionally, APC will be authorized to leave an existing cathodic protection system in place, upgrade the roof on an existing structure, and place equipment and a new equipment shed in the existing pipeline R/W.

The decision to authorize the Proposed Action does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

The decision will not significantly restrict subsistence uses, decrease the abundance of subsistence resources, alter the distribution of subsistence resources, or limit subsistence user access from currently existing conditions. No further analysis is necessary at this time.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance:

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

VI. Monitoring:

Bureau of Land Management staff from the Anchorage Field Office will monitor the R/W area after construction of the new cathodic protection system to verify the work has been performed according to stipulations in the R/W grant.

/s/ Clinton E. Hanson, Acting
Anchorage Field Manager

August 6, 2004
Date

Attachments:

Exhibit A - Stipulations

Exhibit B - Map, *APC MP 64.5 BURNT ISLAND ANODE BED*

Environmental Assessment: AK-040-04-EA-032